

Amendments to the Specification:

Please **AMEND** the paragraph on page 1, lines 28-36 as follows:

US 5,809,944 U.S. Patent No. 5,800,944 describes a button or coin cell battery where the separator extends between housing cup and housing lid in order to be wedged there during the flanging process. For this purpose the peripheral edge of the separator is folded or bent several times with the consequence that, during flanging, several peripheral areas of the separator are exposed to the necessary high flanging forces and possible damaging. Furthermore the geometry of the cell results in an essentially stiff body. The risk of damage during flanging is reduced by a sealing material placed at the flanging perimeter of the cell, possibly separating completely the separator from the sealing material. Altogether there is a complex design including, in particular, leakage caused by the flanging process.

Please **INSERT** the following paragraph at page 2, line 11 of the specification.

Fig. 3 is a schematic cross-section of an embodiment of the flat battery shown in Fig. 1.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph at page 2, lines 23-25 as follows:

In order to improve the bonding properties and to reduce the transition resistance, the inside of at least one of housing parts 1, 2 is coated with an electrically conductive bonding material 8 in the area where the electrode 4, 5 are supported, such as illustrated in Fig. 3.